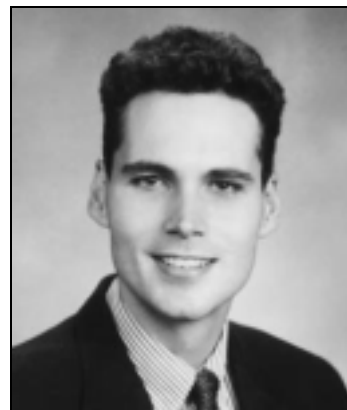




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Update from *Your* State Capitol

Neighbors,

The State Legislature convened January 12th in Olympia and I'm hopeful we can act to reduce your property taxes, auto tag fees, fix highway congestion and provide the resources to lock up dangerous criminals.

After my recent survey, I'm more convinced than ever that voters like you feel the government is too big, wasteful, and not capable of restraining itself. Reigning it in is my job. My goal this year is to vote for and pass legislation that reasonable "ordinary folks" can support because it's you who pay the lion's share of taxes.

Serving as Representative for the 29th District has taught me much about the many good people who care about their country and government. Thank you to those of you who came to my Monday morning constituent coffee hours.

This session, I will continue to vote as a conservative Democrat who "votes like you would" and spends your tax dollar wisely.

It is an honor to represent you at the State Capitol.

Yours Very Truly,

Brian Sullivan
State Representative
29th District

This session will have some important consequences for our State. I am working on these issues and I am sponsoring these bills this year.

- State assisted liability auto insurance for low-income good drivers, based on Hawaii's system
- Higher standards for mortgage brokerage companies to insure the best rates for low-income and new home buyers
- Allowing the sale of the Tacoma National Guard Armory, next to the present County Jail, to Tacoma or Pierce County contingent on its use of the building as a convenient and affordable jail, court, or police station

SPEND THE SURPLUS ON OUR TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

I support the proposals to use large portions of our state's budget surplus to assist our highway needs. Highway 512 is repeatedly the source of serious injury accidents. I am committed to solving these problems. The City of Tacoma also needs some financial assistance and prodding to fix local roads. How bad do local roads have to get before they get any maintenance? We are working to solve the Highway 7 dispute in Parkland. The business corridor around PLU must be made safer in light of development further out in the County. Sidewalks and curbs will accomplish this and beautify it for residents and businesses in the long run.

Initiative 200: YES/ NO TO AFFIRMATIVE ACTION?

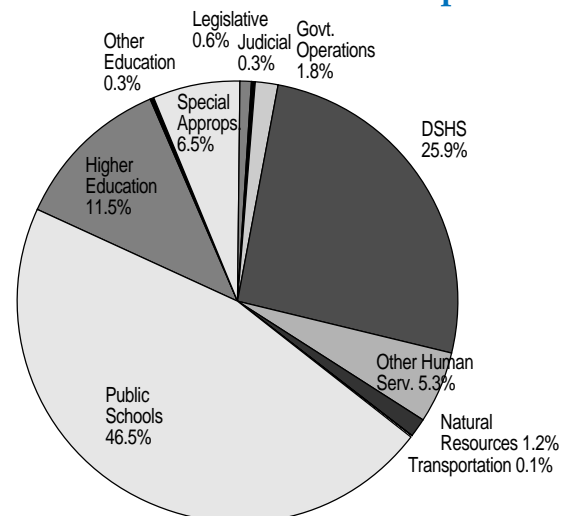
The Legislature will be considering "The Washington State Civil Rights Initiative" in the 1998 session. I will likely vote against the initiative when it comes to the floor for a vote. The title of

the initiative is misleading. The initiative proposes to end affirmative action for women and minorities in college admissions and for hiring in companies which do contract work with the state.

My analysis is such: very few constituents have complained about problems in this area. In my opinion, it is crucial that police organizations, private companies who benefit from tax dollars, local governments, and schools reflect the "population at large". When this doesn't happen, racial tensions increase, and we are less able to live like neighbors and friends. Historical wrongs have occurred and small steps toward remedying those are not unreasonable. As long as affirmative action is limited in scope and not unreasonable, I will not vote to overturn it. The U.S. Military has affirmative "goals" in this area. It is one of the best models for a color-blind society I have seen.

The State of Washington

1997-99 General Fund-State Expenditures



60% of every tax dollar goes to education of our children.

I am committed to maintaining this high level of funding to our state's children.

Let me know your opinions on the issues.

Comments: _____

Thank you. Your comments are important to me. Please cut, fold and return as soon as possible.



PARTIAL BIRTH ABORTION

In response to my survey, many of you stated that you didn't have enough information as to what a "Partial Birth Abortion" is.

Here is a summary:

A Partial Birth Abortion is the procedure of partially delivering a late term (i.e. 6--9 months) viable fetus from the womb. While the fetus is still in the birth canal, the head is surgically opened, removing the brain of the fetus, then the dead fetus is delivered.

I offered an amendment last session which I believe would greatly reduce the number of these procedures in Washington State. My Amendment defined the procedure and provided the only instance for this procedure would be if the life or reproductive health of the mother was in jeopardy. Liberal legislators want no further restrictions on Partial Birth Abortions. Laws are the codification of societal values. In my view, both extremes missed the mark on where my constituents are on this very difficult issue.

Many of you commented in your surveys that you wanted to know my political party, who I am, and how I've voted. I hope this summary is helpful.

Your State Representative:

Brian Sullivan, 31, a Democrat, and local attorney was elected in 1996. Brian lives in East Tacoma at 5427 "A" Street and is married to Julie, has one daughter, and another child due in March. Brian has served in the Army Reserves since 1993 when he enlisted as an Army Counter Intelligence Agent for the GI Bill to pay for law school. Brian now serves as a Platoon Leader in a National Guard Combat Engineer Unit. Brian graduated from Bellarmine High School and the University of Washington. In 1997, the state labor council rated Brian as 89% pro working families. Brian serves on the Criminal Justice Committee where he has consistently voted to toughen penalties and increase prison space. He also serves on the Financial Institutions & Insurance and the Capital Budget Committees. You can reach Brian at (253)472-5041 to arrange a local meeting.

Has Rep. Brian Sullivan represented you?

Brian voted:

- No to a new Gas Tax ☐ ☐
- No on the Seahawks Stadium ☐ ☐
- Yes to a Minimum Wage ☐ ☐
of \$6.50 hr
- No to Partial Birth Abortion. ☐ ☐
- Yes to UW Tacoma funding. ☐ ☐
- Yes to greater funding to ☐ ☐
Tacoma Public Schools
- Yes to giving Principals more ☐ ☐
power to fire bad teachers
- Yes to treating violent juveniles. ☐ ☐
as adults
- Yes to second amendment rights ☐ ☐
- Yes to increased funding ☐ ☐
for the Basic Health Plan
- Yes to locking sex offenders. ☐ ☐
up for life

How would you have voted?

Yes No

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SENIOR TAX RELIEF:

I sponsored a bill which aids low-income seniors by exempting them from the surface water management fees if local governments concur.

BASIC HEALTH PLAN:

Last session I voted to increase funding for the Basic Health Plan (BHP). Because of rising medical costs this increase did not do enough to help the 70,000 people on the BHP waiting list. We will be revisiting the issue this session to fully fund the BHP.

DAY LONG KINDERGARTEN:

I am supporting this important legislation to improve the quality of our children’s education and help families with child care costs.

Wapato Hills:

An 80 acre parcel of land in South Tacoma at 56th and Tacoma Mall Blvd. is being set aside from development. What would you like to see happen to this site?

Please order your preferences.

- ___ Wildlife Preserve
- ___ Park
- ___ Community Center
- ___ City or Government Building
- ___ Other _____

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